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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Bangalore, Dated 28th January 1918

OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

Under Rule 4 of the Office Memorandum No. J. 4847-58—Legis. 47-15-2, dated the 13th June 1916, the accompanying extracts from questions (No. 2) received from Mr. M. Kanniki Krishnamurthy Rao non-official Member of the Mysore Legislative Council for being answered at the Meeting of the Council on the 21/2/1 1918, is forwarded to Rr / III Legis. Sec. for *immediate* action under Rule 5 of the Office Memo.

2. Where no information is available in the Secretariat, the Head of the Department concerned may be communicated with and the information obtained.

3. Draft replies with connected files, if any, should be sent to this office before the 9th Feb: 1918

By Order,

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For Secretary to the Government,
General Department.

By Mr. M. Karnick Krishnamurthi

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ROUTINE NOTES.

[To be used only for notes requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

Subs.

Part-(1) of the question was made the subject of representation in the R.A. in subject no 9 of 15, and 1 of 16 and 5 & 7 - 17 (Oct.)

In the first two instances a reply was given that it is too early to think of revising the election rules (vide Legis 56-15 and 25-16)

In the third instance the Govt replied at the assembly that the representation would be considered No action has yet been taken on them as practical outlines of the subjects have not yet been received from the Darwar section for action (vide Proceedings book page 20)

Part (2) This was represented in subject no 6 of 15 (vide G. Sec. 61-15) Govt then ~~refused~~ replied that the question of increasing the no of questions to be asked at a meeting would be considered and then passed orders in Pub. 16 increasing the no from 12 to 20 (vide Legis 42-15-1)

Point 3 This was asked for in subject-Nos 2 of 16 and 72 of April 17. In Nth it Govt ordered that as the power to ask questions and supplemented questions and of discussing the Budget in Council were all granted only recently it was not considered necessary to make any further changes at present

Point 4 In subject No 114 of Oct 1917 the question of appointing a non-official member to the State Council was moved and Govt replied to the assembly that it was not (Vide Proceedings volume P. 3

Date of meeting	No. of questions sent up.
14th April 1914	10
29th June 1914	18
21st November 1914	16
10th February 1915	16
28th May 1915	18
2nd October 1915	22
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MEETING OF THE MYSORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

21st FEBRUARY 1918.

INTERPELLATIONS.

QUESTIONS.

(By Mr. M. Chengiah Chetty, B.A.)

(*a*) Will Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the number of persons incarcerated in the civil jail for the past five years for non-payment of excise dues and the amounts due by them and to state whether this most undesirable step has resulted in the recovery of the sums due to Government?

(*b*) Will Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of a case in the Shimoga District in which a party was put in the civil jail for non-payment of his dues, though he sustained heavy loss and was therefore unable to pay his dues and made a request to pay in instalments, which was not granted?

(*c*) Will Government be pleased to take steps to remove the provision from the Excise Regulation as it leads to reasonable grievance?

2. Will Government be pleased to state when the new schemes for bettering the prospects of the Medical staff and those of the Amildars which were stated to be under consideration at the time of the Budget discussion will come into force?

3. Will Government be pleased to state to what extent the prohibition of the tanning of goat and sheep skins has affected the raiyats and whether they have taken any measures to prevent the great hardship thus caused?

ANSWERS.

(By Mr. A. R. Banerji, M.A. I.C.S., C.I.E.)

(*a*) & (*b*) Only one case has so far occurred in which a defaulter, said to have wilfully withheld payment and been guilty of fraudulent conduct in order to evade payment, has been imprisoned in the Civil Jail. As the order is under appeal and the case therefore *sub judice* no further particulars can now be given.

(*c*) The attention of the member is invited to Section 28 of the Excise Regulation under which all dues payable under the Regulation may be recovered as if they were arrears of land revenue. The provision for arrest and detention of defaulters is made in Section 163 of the Land Revenue Code and is applied in all cases of wilful evasion and fraudulent conduct, and it applies to cases of land revenue including excise dues which are treated as arrears of land revenue under Section 28 noted above. Government are not aware that such a provision can possibly cause any reasonable grievance.

(By Mr. A. R. Banerji, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E.)

The schemes referred to have been worked up and are now awaiting the final orders of Government.

(By Mr. A. R. Banerji, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E.)

The question of allowing the tanning of goat and sheep skins under proper control and to a limited extent is under consideration. It is not desirable to afford facilities for tanning skins as it would seriously interfere with the tanning of hides which is deemed absolutely necessary for war requirements.

QUESTIONS.

(By Mr. M. Karnick Krishnamurti Rao.)

4. In view of the announcement of the 20th August last, made by the Secretary of State in the House of Commons about constitutional changes in British India in the direction of responsible Government, will Government be pleased to consider the advisability of introducing in this State at an early date the several reforms comprised in the Minto-Morley Scheme of 1909—

(1) by widening the basis of popular representation on the local Legislative Council,

(2) by removing the existing restrictions on the member's power of interpellation,

(3) by granting the right of moving resolutions and the right of full discussion as regards the budget, both in the Council and on the Finance Committee, and

(4) by appointing to the Executive Council non-official members equal in number to the official members ?

5. (i) Will Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether their attention has been called to the fact that great hardship has been caused to the poor and middle class people with fixed income by the recent rise in the price of firewood, retail and wholesale, in Bangalore (from 10 maunds to 3½ maunds per rupee)

(*b*) whether it is a fact that this unprecedented rise in the price of firewood is due largely, if not wholly, to the reduction in the supply available to the general public consequent on the diversion of the available supply to the Sandalwood Oil Factory; if not, what special measures have been adopted by them to augment

ANSWERS.

(By Mr. A. R. Banerji, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E.)

(1) The constitution of our representative bodies is not on all fours with the Minto-Morley Scheme. There are at present 8 elected and 5 nominated non-official members on the Legislative Council and there is therefore a non-official majority. Any definite suggestions for reform that may be made will be considered.

(2) The number of questions that may be put at a meeting of the Legislative Council was increased to 20 in February 1916 and the privilege then extended has not been fully availed of during the past two years except at one meeting, *viz.*, that of June 1917. Government therefore do not see any immediate necessity for further change.

(3) The question of granting the right to move resolutions will be noted for consideration. Orders are about to issue regarding the formation of a Finance Committee for the discussion of the budget.

(4) It is not understood how the member assumes this proposal as comprised in the Minto-Morley Scheme. Government do not see the necessity of adopting this suggestion at the present time.

(By Mr. A. R. Banerji, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E.)

(i)(*a*) The question of the rise in the price of firewood in Bangalore City is being considered by Government in the Industries and Commerce Department.

(*b*) The question of making arrangements to make the factory less dependent on local supplies is engaging attention.

(ii) The larger factory is located in Mysore and Government do not consider any change necessary at present so far as the Bangalore factory is concerned.

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the inadequate supply so as to meet the extraordinary demand of the Sandalwood Oil Factory and to safeguard against unjust speculation by dealers to the prejudice of poor consumers?	The question of opening fuel depots departmentally is under investigation and orders will issue at a very early date.
(ii) If the rise in the price of firewood be due to the diminished supply to the general public consequent on the diversion to the said factory, will Government be pleased to consider the advisability of locating the factory in the vicinity of forests in Shimoga so as to obviate competition for the limited supply of firewood available here and also to save the cost of transport to the factory or in the alternative to establish departmental depots and retail firewood at 10 maunds per rupee in all the Municipal Divisions?	
(By Mr. B. Narasinga Rao.)	**(By Mr. A. R. Banerji, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E.)**
6. Will Government be pleased to furnish the Council the following information:—	
(*a*) the extent of the occupied (1) wet (including gardens) and (2) dry lands till now submerged by the construction of Krishnarajasagara,	(*a*) Wet .... 2,742 acres. Garden .... 335 „ Dry .... 1,063 „
(*b*) the number of land-holders affected by such submersion,	(*b*) 2,980.
(*c*) the number of such holders that have been provided with, and actually put in possession of, new lands (wet and dry) in exchange and their extent,	(*c*) Out of 2,980 persons, 2,818 have been granted lands to the extent of 3,680 acres wet and 848 acres dry. Two thousand five hundred and eighty-nine persons have been put in possession of the lands up-to-date.
(*d*) the number of acres of new wet and dry lands given in exchange, that have been brought under cultivation,	(*d*) In 1916-17, 150 acres dry, and 675 acres wet were actually cultivated.
(*e*) the number of applications by expropriated holders praying for grant of lands or compensation, that are still pending disposal and, if so, the earliest date from which such applications are pending,	(*e*) It is reported that no application for grant of lands out of those available is pending. But there are 15 applications for lands in localities beyond the jurisdiction of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, still pending correspondence, the earliest of them being dated 20th September 1916.
(*f*) with regard to such holders, whether the crop compensation is being regularly paid every year,	(*f*) Crop compensation is paid only in cases in which lands granted in exchange could not be cultivated for want of facilities.
(*g*) the total amount of crop compensation paid till now for the submerged lands,	(*g*) Rs. 1,11,485.
(*h*) the basis or data on which the crop compensation is calculated and paid?	(*h*) The attention of the member is invited to Government Order No. 6680-3—L. R. 25-15-43, dated 12th January 1916, on the subject.

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7. Will Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have prepared any scheme of separation of judicial from the executive functions and, if so, whether they will place it on the table ;

(*b*) whether this promised reform has not been long overdue : and

(*c*) what time it is likely to take to effect a complete separation of the two functions throughout the State ?

(By Mr. A. R. Banerji, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E.)

The question is under active consideration. There are difficulties but Government hope to arrive at a decision before the April Session of the Representative Assembly.

(By Mr. S. Seetharamiah.)

8. Will Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the article quoted in the '*Karnataka*' of 30th January, from "*The United India and Native States*" *re* the expenditure of one lakh of rupees sanctioned by Government for the elevation of the depressed classes, and the remarks of Mr. Humza Hussain, that the scholarships have been awarded to people, whose properties exceeded lakhs of rupees and their income thousands ; and

(By Rajamantrapravina Dewan Bahadur J. S. Chakravarti, M.A., F.R.A.S.)

(*a*) Government have perused the article in question.

(*b*) whether they will enquire into the matter and place on the table the names of the recipients of the scholarships among the so called backward classes and the pecuniary status of their parents or guardians ?

(*b*) The matter will be enquired into. A statement giving the particulars is available and may be perused by the member.

9. Will Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have decided to abolish the Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

(By Mr. A. R. Banerji, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E.)

(*a*) No decision has been arrived at on the subject although the abolition of Kumsi Sub-Taluk is now before Government for orders.

(*b*) if so whether the opinion of the Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga District, and that of the public concerned in the matter, were taken and considered ;

(*c*) if not, whether they will call for the views of the Deputy Commissioner on the point and also give the public concerned an opportunity of being heard either by a deputation or otherwise before final orders are passed ?

(*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the member is invited to the notification published in the *Mysore Gazette*, dated 7th February 1918, inviting public opinion on certain tentative proposals regarding the abolition of sub-taluks.

(By Mr. M. Basaviah, B.A., B.L.)

(By Mr. C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, B.A.)

10. Will Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) what the qualifications and extent of service are of the present District Medical and Sanitary Officer in Mysore,

(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the member is invited to page 57 of the latest Civil List. There is a separate

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(*b*) what his present salary and allowances are,

(*c*) whether there are not many seniors in service, who possess better qualification and experience in jail administration,

(*d*) why a junior officer was preferred to the senior and more experienced men, and

(*e*) when Government propose to remedy such supersession ?

11. Will Government be pleased to state :—

(i) whether they are aware—

(*a*) that the Anglo-Hindustani Lower Secondary School in Mysore is located in an old dilapidated dingy and very damp building,

(*b*) that parents and leading Mahomedan gentleman have complained and sent several representations regarding the unsuitability of the building for a school, and the insufficiency of equipment and staff to Government,

(ii) whether any of the Health or Educational Officers ever visited the school during working hours, and reported on the condition of the school, and if so, whether the reports will be laid on the Council table,

(iii) whether they will call for a special report, about its present numerical strength, the efficiency and sufficiency or otherwise of the staff, the inner plinth area of the several habitable rooms, their sanitary condition as compared with the Anglo-Vernacular or Kannada Schools in Mysore City and schools of the same standard established in Madras and Vellore by Government for the educational needs of the Muslim community, and

(iv) when they propose to remove the institution to a more commodious and healthy or a new building ?

(By Mr. B. Venkatasamanna, B.A., B.L.)

12. Will Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount that has been spent out of one lakh of rupees set apart for the education of backward classes ;

(*b*) the number in each community that has received this grant and

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Sanitary Officer for the Mysore District.

(*c*) (*d*) & (*e*) The posting was ordered in the interests of the public service and no question of supersession volved in the arrangement.

(By Rajamantrapravina Dewan Bahadur Mr. J. S. Chakravarti, M.A., F.R.A.S.)

Government are aware that the building is not satisfactory in certain respects and the need for improvement is also recognised, but the difficulty hitherto has been to secure a better building conveniently situated. His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to place temporarily a portion of the Wellington Lodge at the disposal of the Education Department for the school and arrangements are being made to remove the school to that building. The staff and equipment have been recently improved and a liberal scale of pay has also been sanctioned.

It was inspected by, among others, the District Inspector for Hindustani Schools. In view of the above answer, Government do not consider it necessary to call for any special report or place the Inspector's report on the tabl-

(By Rajakaryapravina Dewan Bahadur J. S. Chakravarti, M.A., F.R.A.S.)

(*a*) Rupees 9,000 have been spent for University scholarships and Rs. 56,000 for the other scholarships.

(*b*) A statement giving the required particulars is placed on the table.

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(*c*) the amount that yet remains undisposed of?	(*c*) About Rs. 35,000.
13. Will Government be pleased to state:—	**(By Mr. A. R. Banerji, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E.)**
(*a*) when the Civil Courts at Tumkur were closed during the last outbreak of plague,	(*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) The courts were closed from 3rd September 1917 to 11th October 1917 (both days inclusive) under the orders of the Chief Court, and a Notification was also published in the *Mysore Gazette*.
(*b*) when they were re-opened,	
(*c*) under whose orders they were closed,	
(*d*) whether the closing and the opening dates were duly notified in Gazette, and	
(*e*) if not, what provision has been made to avoid the hardship caused to the litigants, whose suits were affected by the Mysore Limitation Regulation during that period?	
14. Will Government be pleased to state:—	**(By Mr. A. R. Banerji, M.A., I.C.S., C.I.E.)**
(*a*) when the promised reform in the matter of separation of Judicial and Executive functions will be introduced; and	*Vide* answer to interpellation No. 7.
(*b*) whether the reform will be extended to the whole State or be confined to a specified area?	